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Oxford, July 15.

Balthasar Vigures, a *Terræ-Filius* of this Act, having in his Speech at the Publick Theatre, Vented several filthy and scandalous Expressions, to the offence of modest Ears, and the great Reproach and Slander of many Reverend and Worthy Persons in the University; He was this day at a Meeting of the Vicechancellor and Heads of the Houses, Ordered to be Banished the University. The other *Terræ-Filius*, and one more, being also Convicted of certain slanderous and reproachful Passages uttered in their Speeches at that time, did there make a Publick Acknowledgment, and beg Pardon for their Fault upon their Knees, and Subscribed the same with their Hands.

Venice, July 9. A Tartane arriving here from the Westward, the Master and Ships company report, That a Privateer of *Majorca* had, after a Fight of four hours, taken a *French* ship near *Siracusa*. The Sickness, we hear, is very violent at *Maltha*, of which above 60 persons dyed every day.

Madrid, July 15. We are here very much concerned at the ill News we now first receive from *Sicily*, of the loss ours and the *Dutch* Fleet sustained the 2d past at *Palermo*, by that of *France*, which we hear is since returned to *Thoulon*, to fetch fresh Supplies of Men and Provisions. The Marquis *de Castel Rodrigo*, Son-in-law to him of that name who was some years since Governor of the *Spanish Netherlands*, at present General of the Horse in *Catalonia*, is nominated Viceroy of *Sicily*, in the room of the Duke *de Ferrandina*, who is recalled. The Marquis *de Seralvo* is likewise removed from the Government of *Catalonia*, and the Prince of *Parma*, now Viceroy of *Navarre*, is appointed to succeed him. Our Forces in *Catalonia* have now taken the Field they are not above 8000 men, and we reckon the *French* not to be much stronger.

Genoua, July 15. By a Vessel arrived here, we have advice, That the Squadron of *Dutch* Men of War is passed by to the Westward, in its return home, as is believed, from *Sicily*, where the affairs of the *Spaniards* seem to look very ill.

Copenhagen, July 20. Our King is at present employed in the Siege of *Landscroon*; and we are told that on the 17 instant, his Majesty received Letters from the Sieur *Guldenlieu*, Viceroy of *Norway*, giving an account, That on the 28 past, he had been engaged with a Body of *Suedes*, and that he had had the Victory over them, 600 of the *Suedes* having been killed, and several Prisoners taken, with eight Colours; That thereupon he was advanced to *Wenningsberg*, within seven Leagues of *Gottenburg*, had made himself Master of that Post, and that he intended to march directly to *Gottenburg*.

Hamburgh, July 24. From *Bremen* they write, that the Bishop of *Munster*, and the Dukes of *Lunenburgh*, were finally agreed about the sharing their Conquests, and that now nothing hindered the taking in hand the Siege of *Stade*. And it is added, That the *Confederates* had sent to summon the Governor, offering him very fair Conditions, if he would Treat with them before they employed Force, for that afterwards they would not grant the Garison any other Conditions than to be Prisoners of War. From *Pomeren* we hear, That the *Brandenburghs* have taken *Anclam*, after having set the Town on fire in four several places by the throwing in of Fireballs. The King of *Denmark*, we hear, Besieges at present *Landscroon*.

Strasburgh, July 20. Yesterday the Duke of *Luxemburgh* decamped from *Wibersheim*, and marched towards *Haguenaw*, having sent all his great Baggage towards *Schlestalt*, and received a great quantity of Provision from thence. The Imperial Army being reinforced by 3000 men drawn out of *Lauterburg*, is decamped from *Langenkandel*, and *Billichem*, to *Germersheim*, where, it seems, the Duke of *Lorrain* intends to expect the *French*, if they design to relieve *Philipsburg*.

Spire, July 21. The 19 instant, a Battery of 10 pieces of Cannon was finished in the quarter of Count *Starenberg*, from whence, as likewise from Prince *Herman's* Battery, the Town is continually Battered. Prince *Herman* is preparing another Battery of 12 pieces, and a third of six pieces in his quarter. The 19 at night, Count *Starenberg* attacked two Cuts, or Retrenchments, which the Besieged had made between the head of his Trenches, and their Counterscarp, and after a very sharp Action gained them. About midnight, the Besieged made a very vigorous Sally to dislodge the Besiegers, but they were repulsed; the next morning about 7 a clock, the *French* made another Sally, and forced the Besiegers, after a stout resistance, to quit the first of those Retrenchments; but Count *Furstemberg*, a Colonel of Imperial Foot, coming out of the Trenches with a fresh supply, beat the *French* into the Town the third time, and so remained Masters of those Posts; in these Actions, about 300 men, some say more, were killed on both sides. The Imperial Army having quitted its quarters at *Croon-Weissenburg*, encamped yesterday at *Belheym* near *Germersheim*, whither the Bridge of Boats is brought down from *Lauterburg*. The Duke of *Luxemburg* is marching this way.

Francfort, July 22. General *Vermuller*, who came hither very much dissatisfied, for that Count *Starenberg* was appointed by the Duke of *Lorrain* to relieve him in the Siege of *Philipsburg*, and parted hence to *Mentz*, is since, as we are told, returned to the Army, upon a Letter he received from the Duke of *Lorrain*. We cannot now longer doubt, but that the Duke of *Luxemburgh* does in good earnest mean to attempt the relief of *Philipsburgh*, being passed by *Haguenaw*, and advancing towards the Imperial Army, which expects him near *Germersheim*; so that we are here in much impatience to see what the issue will be of an Action of so great importance. In the mean time the Troops before *Philipsburgh* seem every day to push on the Siege with greater vigor, to answer the resistance they meet with from the Besieged, who have not hitherto been wanting in any thing for the defence of the place; They had, it seems, made two Retrenchments to hinder the Besiegers from advancing their Trenches, which the 19 instant, at night,